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#### DECLARATION OF DEAN KEHLER

I, Dean Kehler, declare and state as follows:

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- 1. I am a Managing Member of Trimaran Capital, L.L.C., as well as a Managing Partner at Trimaran Capital Partners, an affiliated entity. Trimaran Capital 5 Partners is a New York-based private equity firm and is the Managing Member of 6 Trimaran Pollo Partners, LLC ("TPP"). I submit this declaration in support of the 7 Defendants' Sur-Reply in Opposition to Lead Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification. I 8 have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration. If called as a witness, I 9 could and would testify competently to such facts.
- 2. As of May 18, 2015, TPP was the majority shareholder in El Pollo Loco 11 | Holdings, Inc. ("EPL"), holding 22,149,044 shares which constituted a 59.2% ownership 12 position.
- 3. On May 19, 2015, TPP agreed to sell 5,402,500 shares of EPL to Jefferies 14 LLC ("Jefferies") at a negotiated price of \$21.85 per share – below the market price for 15 EPL shares on that date – for a total proceeds of \$118,044,625 in what was referred to as 16 a "block trade" pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 144 ("Rule 144"). 17 Also as a part of this Rule 144 transaction, EPL's CEO Steve Sather ("Sather") sold 18 360,000 EPL shares to Jefferies at a negotiated price of \$21.85 per share for a total 19 proceeds of \$7,866,000, and EPL's CMO Ed Valle ("Valle") sold 175,000 shares to 20 | Jefferies at a negotiated price of \$21.85 per share for a total proceeds of \$3,823,750. The 21 May 19, 2015 block trade by TPP, Sather and Valle (collectively, the "Sellers") to 22 Jefferies is referred to in this declaration as the "Transaction." TPP coordinated 23 negotiating and structuring the Transaction on behalf of all of the Sellers. Following the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Sellers and Jefferies agreed to enter into the Transaction on May 19, 2015, after the markets closed. The Transaction was executed the next day, on May 20, 2015 and settled on May 26, 2015. The settlement date, which typically occurs several days following the trade date, refers to the date on which the securities are exchanged for payment.

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- In my 39 years working in the financial industry I have participated in a number of transactions that were executed pursuant to Rule 144. Here, the Sellers decided to conduct this Transaction directly with a market maker pursuant to Rule 6 | 144(f)(2) in order to receive a guaranteed up-front payment for the shares, rather than having any proceeds being contingent on Jefferies' ability to sell the shares in the market. Accordingly, pursuant to this Transaction, the Sellers sold and delivered 5,937,500 EPL shares directly to Jefferies, and Jefferies delivered the total proceeds of the Transaction to the Sellers on the settlement date. The Sellers did not receive any compensation for the || 5,937,500 EPL shares other than the negotiated price of \$21.85 per share paid by Jefferies. Jefferies was not paid any commission by the Sellers for the Transaction.
  - 5. The Sellers had no control over, and did not direct, Jefferies' disposition of the EPL shares that were purchased from the Sellers. Jefferies' subsequent plan with the shares was not a term of the Transaction or a factor the Sellers considered in deciding to enter into the Transaction.
- 6. The Sellers had no agreement with Jefferies, nor did Jefferies advise or 18 consult with the Sellers, concerning when Jefferies sold any of the shares it purchased in 19 the Transaction, how many shares it sold, the price at which such shares were sold, or to whom they were sold.
- 7. None of the Sellers received any portion of the proceeds of Jefferies' subsequent disposition of the shares purchased in the Transaction. The Sellers did not indemnify Jefferies for any reason as a part of the Transaction, and Jefferies had no 24 recourse against the Sellers should it be unable to sell any or all of the 5,937,500 shares it 25 purchased in the Transaction.
- Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of TPP's Form 144, for its 27 sale of EPL shares in the Transaction, which I signed and was provided to the SEC. Field 28 3(b) in this form requires the party filling out to the form to identify either the broker

through whom the securities were being offered or each market maker who is acquiring the securities. Here, I identified "Jefferies LLC" within Field 3(b) because Jefferies acquired the 5,402,500 shares as a market maker in the Transaction.

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- 9. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the trade confirmation for TPP's sale of 5,402,500 shares to Jefferies at a price of \$21.85 per share. The document shows the same amount for both the principal as well as the net amount, which demonstrates that TPP did not pay, and Jefferies did not receive, any commission for the Transaction.
- 10. Attached as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of TPP's account statement 10 with Jefferies for May 1, 2015 through May 29, 2015. The third page of this document shows the wire to TPP, from Jefferies, of the \$118,044,625 in proceeds from the 12 Transaction.
- 11. Attached as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of TPP's Seller 14 Representation Letter for the Transaction, which I signed. This is a form letter that is 15 used to confirm that a seller meets the requirements of Rule 144. While it refers to 16 Jefferies as a "broker," this did not mean that Jefferies was acting as a broker for the purposes of the Transaction or that the Transaction was conducted as a brokers' 18 transaction under Rule 144. Rather, as explained above, Jefferies purchased the shares in 19 this Transaction as a principal in its capacity as a market maker.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, the State of New York, and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 7th May, 2018, in New York, New York.

By:	Vra C Prale
*	Dean Kehler

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Name of Person from Whom Acquired

(If gift, also give date donor acquired)

Amountof

Securities Acquired

Date of

Payment

Nature of Payment

#### TABLE I — SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

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Title of

the Class

Date you

Acquired

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only us to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also us to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sules are required by paragraph (c) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

DATE OF NOTICE

ATTENTION:

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to he sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he cloes not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading pian or given trading instructions to sotisfy Rule 1065-1 under the Exchange Act, hy signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

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DATE OF PLAN ADOPTION OR GLYING OF INSTRUCTION, IF RELYING ON RULE 10B5-1

The notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 10C1)

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New York, New York 10022-4213





tel 212.284.2300

ACCOUNT NAME: TRIMARAN POLLO PARTNERS LLC C/O TRIMARAN CAPITAL LLC ACCOUNT NUMBER:

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000699 JFCTRD11 000000 TRIMARAN POLLO PARTNERS LLC C/O TRIMARAN CAPITAL LLC 1325 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 25TH FL NEW YORK NY 10019

We are pleased to confirm the following transactions -Processed on: 05/20/15

Symbol	Cusip/ Security	Action	Acct Type	Quantity	Price	Trade Date	Settle Date
LOCO	268603107 E007927	SELL	CASH	5,402,500	\$21.85	05/20/15	05/26/15
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This confirmation shall be deemed correct in all respects unless written notice of any inaccuracy is sent to our Compliance Department.

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#### **ACCOUNT VALUE SUMMARY**

Description	As of 00/00/00	This Period
Equities - Long Positions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equities - Short Positions	0.00	0.00
Fixed Income	0.00	0.00
Options	0.00	0.00
Mutual Funds	0.00	0.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00	0.00
Money Market Funds	0.00	0.00
Other Securities	0.00	0.00
Non-Security Assets	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00

#### DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, AND TAX ACTIVITY SUMMARY

NEW YORK NY 10019

<u>Description</u>	This Statement	Year to Date
Dividends	\$0.00	\$0.00
Money Market Dividends	0.00	0.00
Substitute Payments	0.00	0.00
Corporate Bond Interest	0.00	0.00
Municipal Bond Interest	0.00	0.00
U.S. Government Bond Interest	0,00	0.00
Government Agency Interest	0.00	0.00
Credit Balance Interest	0.00	0.00
Return of Capital	0.00	0.00
Other Dividends	0.00	0.00
Non-Security Assets	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00
U.S. Tax Withheld	\$0.00	\$0.00
NRA Tax Withheld	0.00	0.00
Foreign Tax Withheld	0.00	0.00
Bond Purchase Interest	0.00	0.00
Short Dividends	0.00	0.00
Short Other Dividends	0.00	0.00
Short Interest Expense	0.00	0.00
Margin Interest Paid	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Please review this statement carefully. If it does not reflect your understanding of your transactions or balances, or there are any errors or omissions on this statement, promptly notify Jofferies LLC ("Jofferies") by calling 201-761-7610. Any oral communications should be re-confirmed in writing to further protect your rights, including those under the Securities Investors Protection Act (SIPA). All written inquires and re-confirmations should be addressed to Jofferies LLC Attn: Customer Reporting Group, 101 Hudson Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302-3915.

- You may have received a confirmation for a trade that does not appear on this statement. If the statement date of the
  trade as shown on the confirmation is later than the closing date of this statement (as shown above), that trade will appear
  on your next regular monthly statement.
- Transactions appearing on this statement may include those, if any, that have been executed by an affiliated broker-dealer but cleared through this account. Please check your confirmations to identify such transactions.
- If you are subject to 1099 reporting requirements, we are required by law to report to the Internal Revenue Service
  ("IRS") all gross proceeds of sales transactions (including short sales), each dividends and registered bond interest
  credited to your account on securities held for you in our name. We also report coupon bond interest and interest earned
  on credit balances. Your Consolidated Form 1099 rather than your monthly statements is the authoritative document for
  tax reporting purposes and is used to report information to the IRS.
- If this statement is for a margin account and we maintain a special miscellaneous account for you, this statement is a
  combined statement of your general account and the special miscellaneous account maintained for you under section
  4(f)(6) of Regulation T, issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. As required by Regulation T,
  the permanent record of the special miscellaneous account is available for your inspection upon request.
- A free credit balance represents funds payable upon demand, which although properly accounted for on Jefferies books
  are not segregated and may be used in the conduct of Jefferies business. Jefferies offers to routinely transfer ("sweep")
  your free credit balance into a money market fund at your election. The balance in such fraid may be liquidated pursuant
  to your order and the proceeds returned to your securities account to be held as a free credit balance or remitted to you.
- The prices of securities displayed on your statement are derived from various sources and in some cases may be higher or lower than the price that you would actually receive in the market. Although we attempt to use reliable sources of information, we do not guarantee the accuracy of any securities prices.
- If this statement contains month-end valuations for Direct Participation Programs or Real Estate Investment Trusts, such values may be estimated, and obtained from pricing services or from the issuer in its annual report. If this statement does not contain month-end valuations for such instruments, it may be because accurate valuation information is not available. Please note that such securities are often illiquid and any estimated value may not be realized upon sale. The actual value of such instruments will most likely be different from the original purchase price.
- Jefferies is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). SIPC currently protects the securities
  and cash in your account up to \$520,000 of which \$250,000 may be in cash. Jefferies has secured additional protection
  of up to \$24,500,000 per account with an aggregate limit of \$100,000,000 for all accounts. Neither the SIPC nor the
  additional coverage protects against the market risks associated with investing. Positions that are held away are not in the
  custody or control of Jefferies nor are they covered by SIPC or the additional protection secured by Jefferies.
- In order to assist us in maintaining current background and financial information concerning our customers, we request
  that you promptly advise us in writing of any material change in your investment objectives or financial situation.
- Jefferies' Financial Statements are available for your personal inspection at any of Jefferies' offices, at the regional office
  of the Securities and Exchange Commission in New York or a copy will be mailed to you upon your written request. A
  most recent copy of the Audited and Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition of Jefferies can be found
  by visiting the firm's website at www.jefferies.com and go to Investor Relations or call 1-888-JEFFERIES.
- Information with respect to commission and other charges incurred in connection with the execution of option transactions has been included in confirmations previously furnished to you. A summary of this information is available to you promptly upon your written request directed to your account executive.

- Exercise assignment notices for option contracts are allocated among client short positions pursuant to a
  procedure that randomly selects those contracts which are subject to exercise from among all client
  short option positions, including positions established on the day of the assignment. All short positions
  are liable for assignment at any time. A more detailed description of our random allocation procedure is
  available upon written request.
- In the event there has been any change in your investment objective(s), financial situation and/or risk tolerance, please contact your Account Executive,
- Call features shown on any fixed income security indicate the next regularly scheduled call date and price. Your holdings may be subject to other redemption features, including sinking funds, extraordinary calls or other call provisions. Unrealized gains and losses on bends, if shown, have been adjusted to account for the accretion of original issue discount, the amortization of premium, and/or the accretion of market discount. For foreign bonds, amounts shown are denominated in the currency of the issue, price is a function of exchange rate and market price, market value is denominated in U.S. dollars, and changes in the exchange rate will affect the face value in U.S. dollars and market value.
- With respect to estimated yield figures shown, such as Estimated Annual Interest and Estimated Yield be advised that: (i) they are estimates, not actual amounts scheduled to be paid; (ii) for certain types of securities the amounts shown could include a return of principal or capital gains, in which case those estimated figures would be overstated; and (iii) the actual income and yield paid might be lower or higher than the estimated amounts. Estimated Yield reflects only the income generated by an investment. It does not reflect changes in price, which may fluctuate.
- Market Linked Investments ("MLIs") are buy and hold investments and are valued at par to reflect 100% principal protection in the investment currency at maturity. MLIs denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars may be marked to market to reflect changes in the par value of the MLI in U.S. dollar terms.
- Please preserve this statement as it will be helpful in preparing your income tax returns and may be needed along with subsequent statements to verify activity in your account.
- For purposes of computing interest payable by you, balances in all types of accounts (except short, DVP and other) are combined. Credit balances, where applicable, are subtracted from debit balances in determining the daily debit balance, but only to the extent such credit balances do not exceed such debit balances.
- Short accounts are marked-to-the-market. Excess funds are credited to, and deficiencies of funds are debited from, the margin account.
- Interest charged on debit balances (and the applicable interest rate) will appear as a line item in the activity section for those accounts that incurred interest charges during any statement period. This statement should be retained and used in conjunction with the prior and next statement received to determine the amount of interest charged for each interest computation period. Interest will be charged on an average daily net debit balance computed on the basis of a 360-day year. For further information on how to compute interest, refer to the "Truth in Lending Statement". Interest in all months, except for December, is computed two days prior to the last business day of the current month through two days prior to the last business day of the opposed in your account (debited or credited) one day prior to the last business day of each month. In December, interest will accrue through December 31<sup>st</sup> and will be processed on the last business day of the calendar year.
- For purposes of any interest earned with respect to credit balances in your account, your statement will display an aggregate credit amount based on your net average daily free credit balance beginning with the day the credit balance begins and for each day during the period displayed.

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Jefferies

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#### **BUY SELL TRANSACTIONS**

Credit ratings are subjective opinions and not statements of fact and should not be relied on as investment advice. S&P shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, exemplary, compensatory, punitive, special or consequential damages, legal fees, or losses (including lost income or profits and opportunity costs or losses caused by negligence) in connection with any use of credit ratings.

		Account				Amo	unt
Date	Transaction	. Туре	Quantity	Description	Price	Debit	Credit
5/26	SOLD	CASH	5,402,500	EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS INC COM WE MAKE A MKT IN THIS SECURITY	\$21.8500	\$1	18,044,625.00
TOTAL	BUY SELL TRAI	VSACTIONS:				\$1	18,044,625,00

#### INCOME AND DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITY

		Account				Amot	int
Date	Transaction	Type	Quantity	Description	Rate	Debit	Credit
5/26	WIRE	CASH		WIREOUT TRIMARAN POLLO PARTNER	\$118,0	44,625.00	
				SLLC			
TOTAL INCOME AND DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITY:					\$118,0	44,625.00	

### OTHER ACTIVITY

		Account			Amount
Date	Transaction	Туре	Quantity	Description	Debit Credit
5/26	RECEIVED	CASH	5,402,500	EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS INC	
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TOTAL OTHER ACTIVITY:

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**Customer Notice** 

#### IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

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▶ In accordance with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC"), clients may obtain a free copy of the Audited Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition of Jefferies LLC (the "Company") as of November 30, 2014 by visiting our website at <a href="http://investor-relations.jefferies.com/GenPage.aspx?IID=102756&GKP=207790">http://investor-relations.jefferies.com/GenPage.aspx?IID=102756&GKP=207790</a> or by calling 1-888-JEFFERIES. The Statement of Financial Condition is also available for your personal inspection at Jefferies LLC's principal office at 520 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022 or at the regional office of the SEC or CFTC in New York.

> Jefferies LLC is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (the "Rule"), which specifies minimum net capital requirements. The Company computes net capital under the alternative method of the Rule, which requires the Company to maintain net capital of not less than the greater of \$1,500,000 or 2% of aggregate debit balances (primarily receivables from customer transactions), plus excess margin collateral on reverse repurchase transactions. Compliance with the Rule could limit operations of the Company, such as underwriting and trading activities that require the use of significant amounts of capital, and may also restrict loans, advances, dividends and other payments by the Company. In addition, Jefferies LLC is registered as a futures commission merchant ("FCM") following its merger with Jefferies Bache LLC in September 2014 and is therefore subject to the CFTC's minimum financial requirements under Rule 1.17. Under the minimum financial requirements, an FCM must maintain adjusted net capital equal to or in excess of the greater of \$1,000,000 or the FCM's risk-based capital requirements totaling (i) eight percent of the total risk margin requirement for positions carried by the FCM in customer accounts, plus (ii) eight percent of the total risk margin requirement for positions carried by the FCM in noncustomer accounts, plus (iii) excess margin collateral on reverse repurchase transactions. As a dually registered broker-dealer and FCM, Jefferles LLC is required to maintain net capital in excess of the greater of the SEC or CFTC minimum financial requirements. As of November 30, 2014, Jefferies LLC's net capital was \$1,025,113,000 which was \$913,465,000 in excess of required net capital.

\*\*\* END OF STATEMENT \*\*\*

#### SELLER REPRESENTATION LETTER

May 19, 2015

Jefferies LLC c/o Jefferies LLC 520 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. 3535 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 100 Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Attention: Edye Austin

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Four Times Square New York, NY 10036 Attention: Andrea Nicolas

Re: Sale of 5,402,500 shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to Rule 144

#### Ladies and gentlemen:

The undersigned proposes to sell (the "Sale") the above-referenced Shares through Jefferies LLC (the "Broker") in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144 ("Rule 144") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"). The undersigned (i) delivers to you herewith a signed copy of a Notice of Proposed Sale of Securities Pursuant to Rule 144 Under the Securities Act of 1933 on Form 144 relating to the Sale (the "Form 144") and confirms to you that the statements made therein are true and complete and (ii) represents to you that:

- 1. The undersigned is an "affiliate" of the Company as that term is defined in paragraph (a)(1) of Rule 144.
- 2. The undersigned does not know or does not have any reason to believe that the Company has not complied with the reporting requirements contained in paragraph (c)(1) of Rule 144.
- 3. All of the Shares are restricted securities, as that term is defined in paragraph (a)(3) of Rule 144, and a minimum of six months has elapsed since the date of acquisition, within the meaning of paragraph (d) of Rule 144, of the Shares from the Company or an affiliate of the Company by the undersigned.
- 4. (a) The undersigned has sold zero shares of Common Stock within the preceding three months, has no sale orders open with any broker and will not place any sale orders pending execution or cancellation of the Sale.

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- (b) To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, members of the undersigned's immediate family and others with whom the undersigned is acting in concert or whose sales are required to be aggregated with the undersigned's sales pursuant to Rule 144 have sold zero shares of Common Stock within the preceding three months and will not place any sale orders pending execution or cancellation of the Sale.
- (c) At the time of the Sale, the number of shares of Common Stock sold by the undersigned or for the undersigned's account and by or for the account of any person whose sales are required by paragraph (e)(3) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales by or for the undersigned (other than shares sold pursuant to a registration statement under the Act, pursuant to an exemption provided by Regulation A under the Act, in a transaction exempt pursuant to Section 4 of the Act and not involving any public offering, or offshore pursuant to Regulation S under the Act) will not exceed the amounts permitted by paragraph (e)(1) of Rule 144.
- 5. The undersigned has not solicited or arranged for the solicitation of, and will not solicit or arrange for the solicitation of, orders to buy the Shares in anticipation of or in connection with such proposed sale, and such sale shall be made in accordance with paragraph (f) of Rule 144. The undersigned has not made, and will not make, any payment in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares to any person other than the Broker.
- 6. The undersigned has filed or caused to be filed the requisite number of copies of Form 144, in connection with the Sale, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and with the NASDAQ Global Select Market on a timely basis pursuant to paragraph (h) of Rule 144. The undersigned has a bona fide intention to sell the Shares within a reasonable time after the filing of the Form 144. If sales are ongoing under a contract, instruction, or plan under Rule 10b5-1, the undersigned will continue to so file or cause to be filed, and will have such a bona fide intention thereafter.
- 7. To the undersigned's knowledge, the Company is not, and has not been, a shell issuer as described in paragraph (i)(1) of Rule 144.

The undersigned agrees that each addressee of this letter may rely on the above statements in connection with the Sale.

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Sincerely,

TRIMARAN POLLO PARTNERS, LLC

Ву:

TRIMARAN CAPITAL, LLC its Managing Member